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MY SLEUTH IS SLAIN AT STEUBENVILLE

Police Start Vigorous Warfare On Speak-Easies And Bootleggers

Charles Dixie Blinn, Leader Of Squad Of Dry Agents, Is Murdered

(By The Associated Press)
STEUBENVILLE, Dec. 25.—A fresh and vigorous warfare on "speak-easies," "hip-pocket vendors," "private parlor parties," as well as the higher-ups in Jefferson county's alleged liquor combine, will be launched at once, prohibition officers announced today as the result of the slaying last night of Charles Dixie Blinn, leader of a squad of eight dry agents.

But while planning the new move against liquor dealers, officials today admitted they were baffled by the murder of Blinn, whose body with three bullet wounds was found in an alley here. Twenty feet away lay the empty pocketbook of the officer. His revolver was missing.

"Blinn undoubtedly was killed in some resort while on a raiding excursion and his body hidden in the alley," said Sergeant Richard Elderly of the Steubenville police force.

Police pointed out that the telltale pool of blood was missing.

THIRD WARD LEADS IN SALE OF SEALS

List Of Children In Each School Who Sold Greatest Number Of Seals

The Third ward, with a total of \$135.87, led all other Mt. Vernon schools in the sale of Christmas seals, according to a report made public today by Miss Bessie Devin, chairman of the committee in charge of the sale of Christmas seals in the city.

Following is the amount of seals sold by each school and the name of the scholar in each grade selling the most seals:

- Third Ward—\$135.87**
First grade—James Israel.
Second grade—Charles Banning.
Third grade—Ralph Raymond.
Fourth grade—George Booker.
Fifth grade—Bertha Knecht.
Sixth grade—Mary Altenburg.
Seventh grade—Nellie Mackenzie.
Eighth grade—Hugh Wayt.
- First Ward—\$63.01**
First grade—Mary L. Zeisloft.
Second grade—Kay Walker.
Third grade—Ruth Barnett.
Fourth grade—Kenneth Walker.
Fifth grade—Frederick Bolstal.
Sixth grade—Edward Dowald.
Seventh grade—George Yingling.
Eighth grade—Catherine Worley.
- Fourth Ward—\$59.99**
First grade—Roger Morton.
Second grade—Ralph Houck.
Third grade—Margaret McCormick.
Fourth grade—Marjorie Bishop.
Fifth grade—Bertha Beeman.
Sixth grade—Robert Turner.
Seventh grade—Kirk Taylor.
Eighth grade—Russell Vinsider.
- Second Ward—\$37.50**
First grade—Floyd Bumpus.
Second grade—Mary Burke.
Third grade—Guy VanNostrand.
Fourth grade—Minnie VanNostrand.
Fifth grade—Robert Black.
Sixth grade—Curtis Cotton.
Seventh grade—Ronald Warning.
Eighth grade—Burdella West.
- Elmwood—\$28.17**
Jamer Sowers, first grade.
Richard Wynkoop.
Howard Lord.
Bernice Proper.
- Fifth Ward—\$24.10**
First grade—Isabelle Hepler.
Second grade—George Wallott.
Third grade—Claude Weiss.
Fourth grade—Ruth Kirby.
- Hawthorn—\$12.19**
Kenneth Gerhart.
Arthur McGibney.
Richard Moore.
Paul McGibney.

MISS ELIZABETH MOORE IS CLAIMED BY DEATH

Miss Elizabeth Mary Moore, age 75, died this morning at 7 o'clock at her home on North Sandusky street after several months' illness of a complication of diseases.

The deceased was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Moore and was born in Richland county. She was a sister of the late Frank Moore and A. B. Moore. One brother survives, Riley Moore of North Sandusky street. A number of nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral services will be held at the late home Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock with Rev. S. J. Cleeland officiating. Burial in Mound View cemetery.

CHAMBER WILL OMIT ITS USUAL SESSION

Members of the Chamber of Commerce will not hold their usual luncheon tomorrow noon. The next session will be on Wednesday, Jan. 3.

The good roads committee had been hopeful that they would be able to get Senator-elect Dill of Washington, who is visiting his parents in Fredericktown, to consent to come to Mt. Vernon and speak to the members of the chamber. Mr. Dill, however, asked to be excused from making any speaking engagements, pleading that he still is very tired as a result of his recent campaign.

SITUATION TENSE IN BOWLING LEAGUE

Bowling is scheduled for Wednesday evening at the Y. M. C. A. alleys the Chevrolet and Bridge Works teams being the contenders. The situation is exceedingly critical and tense for the reason that if the Bridge Works boys defeat the Chevrolet all three games they will be tied with the Coopers for first place honors in the industrial league. In the event of a tie a post season game will have to be arranged.

VACATION LEAGUE IS IN FULL SWING

The Junior-Cadet Vacation league opened its playing season in the Y. M. C. A. gym Saturday.

In the Cadet section the following games were played:

Cats 5, Rats 4; Cat Capt. Hanna, Rats Capt. Ramsey.
Dogs 6, Mice 4; Dog Capt. Babbs, Mice Capt. Magill.

In the Junior section the following games were played:

Carp 5, Turtles 3; Carp Capt. Park, Turtle Capt. Gaylord.
Sharks 10, Whales 9; Shark Capt. Blair, Whale Capt. Lazar.

The second round of play was started Tuesday morning, the Cats defeating the Dogs 7 to 3.

T. O. FREEMAN DIES IN TOLEDO, OHIO

Mrs. J. W. Freeman of South Jackson street received a message this morning announcing the death of T. O. Freeman, which occurred at 5 o'clock Monday evening at his home in Toledo.

Mrs. J. F. Tudor and Miss Dorothy Tudor will go to Toledo Wednesday to attend the funeral.

MRS. BECKER DIES AT FREDERICKTOWN

FREDERICKTOWN, Dec. 26.—Mrs. Catherine Berger, aged 86 years, died at 3:45 o'clock Monday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Lewis of this place. Death was due to diseases incident to advanced age.

The deceased leaves the following children: Mrs. Lewis, A. P. Berger of Petersburg, Va., James and E. S. and Mrs. A. M. Stewart of Mansfield, Jacob and William and Mrs. Van Keller of North Liberty.

Funeral services will be held at 1 o'clock tomorrow from the Lewis residence, with Rev. Strasbaugh of Amherst officiating. Burial in the North Liberty cemetery.

WALKER REAPPOINTED AS DEPUTY SHERIFF

Sheriff B. H. Lytle Files New Bond To Enter Upon Second Term

Sheriff B. H. Lytle today filed his bond in the sum of \$5,000 with the county commissioners to enter upon



OLIVER M. WALKER
Reappointed Deputy Sheriff Today By Sheriff B. H. Lytle

his second term of office. The bond was signed by W. S. Kerr and Thomas E. Taugher.

Sheriff Lytle announced Tuesday morning that he had reappointed Deputy Sheriff Oliver M. Walker to be his deputy for another two years.

MT. VERNON WOMAN IS CASH PRIZE WINNER

Mrs. A. C. Hancock Is Given \$10 Award By National Gas Association

The National Gas Association of America offers three prizes each year for any suggestion that would be a saving to the companies by the use of any book, report forms, tools, etc. These suggestions are called "Wrinkles."

The second prize this year was awarded to Mrs. A. C. Hancock of Mt. Vernon, O. The prize was a \$10.00 check from the Association. It has been the practice of The Ohio Fuel Supply Company to duplicate the amount when one of their employees is awarded a prize. Therefore Mrs. Hancock also received a check for \$10 from the company.

CHRISTMAS BOWLING STIRS GAME DEVOTEES

Dullness of Christmas day was broken at the Barre-bowling alley by the rivalry and bitter contention between Wills Willard Workers and Barre's Best Bowlers.

Reports coming from the affair are more or less mixed. Some claim that because it was a clear day there was a big crowd. Others maintain that because there was a big crowd it was a clear day.

The Workers won two of the three games. Through taking advantage of a shift in the line of the Workers grabbed a victory. The honors of play go to Bowman, Lynn, Williams, Smoke and Jess Lamson.

Individually the play was marked as follows: Smoke—shaved and cut; Lynn—Beyfey arm brought home the bacon; Williams—Haymow swing mowed them down; Jess Lamson—He set a fast pace and got Jim's goat as in the role of Santa Claus on the previous night proved too much for Jim; Bowman—Threw out the hook and got them all; Burke, scared, caught the train for Columbus; Davis and Perryville Wander had a hard time getting along with the fowl line; Muger—On the roof with the last game with 211 while Fuzz, under the acid test dug home and Copped the high score of 231.

Barre's Bowlers proved to be harder to manage than Babe Ruth and all Dale Barre could do was to throw up his hands and say, "That's all."

The style of play Coach Newman is teaching this year is similar to that of last. The short pass game is employed. A four-man offense and a five-man defense is used. Again Coach Newman is trying to inculcate in the minds of his proteges the vital fact that only by sacrificing self for the group can a team win.

STATE CHAMPS AND HIGH TEAM IN HOT CONTEST

New Team Gives Last Season's Stars Hectic Argument

CHAMPS GAIN VERDICT BY 25 TO 21 SCORE

Coach Newman's Five Shows Earmarks Of Another Fine Quintet

(By Fred Hayes)
Basketball fans who have been gravely concerned over the possibility that the rebuilt high school floor team of this season would be only an apology for and a shell of the wendler fire that carried the banner of the orange and black to unprecedented heights last season can dismiss their doubts and fears on the subject.

It will be safe to say that the composite opinion of the several hundred fans who attended the opening cap game of the season Saturday night and gave Coach Newman's latest basketball accessions the ocular analysis was that "they will do."

Arrayed against Mt. Vernon high in her first local appearance was about the most imposing opponent that could be secured, the members of which most local fans have some recollections of seeing some place before. They are best known as the scholastic champs of Ohio, Illinois, Nebraska, South Dakota, etc. Before the game, many were of the belief that this year's hopes would suffer terribly in comparison when pitted against the scintillating court crew that made last season so epochal in a vicinity not entirely unknown to local followers or to the good basketball citizens of such municipalities as Rockford, Sutton, Yankton and Delaware.

Well, the champs won, but they did not dismember their adversary as some predicted, but narrowly escaped being subjugated themselves. The score was 25 to 21.

Close and Hard Fought

If the high school basketballers were embarrassed in the presence of the venerable champs, there was no outward manifestation. Perhaps the novelty of the thing had worn off somewhat, because of the fact they had mingled with the champs in 50 or 60 skirmishes last year during practice sessions. These subs and scrubs of last year, who had helped to build up a championship team but who had received many knocks but few cheers in return, had now graduated to regulars and again were engaging their friendly enemy. And by the way, how could the scrub team of a year ago stack up against the best quintet in the universe 50 or 60 times (the Kentucky Blue Devils excepted, perhaps) without absorbing some of the qualities that made that team? That is food for thought, as the thinker, not the sport writer, would say.

For intensity and excitement, it is doubtful whether the contest Saturday night will be equalled this season, to say nothing of being surpassed. It was the evenest kind of a race over the whole route, and only a seer could have determined the ultimate winner. Usually only a point or two separated the two fives. On five different occasions the high school forged to the fore; five times the count was knotted; four times the ex-high school stars wrested the lead, the last time counting most. A field goal and free throw basket by Wright, followed by a fielder by Duke, all happening in the last two minutes of play, landed the decision for the grads.

Are Learning Tricks

For this early in the season, the high school cagers handled themselves, as well as the ball, in a very commendable manner. They moved over the court fast and showed little indecision and delay in their passing. They passed briskly, pivoted, dodged, blurred shots and passed, blurred passes and shot, and displayed other tricks of an experienced basketballer.

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The automobile of Ed Bennett struck by taxicab at the intersection of Vine and Gay streets Saturday evening.

W. G. HARRIS TAKES OATH OF OFFICE

Prosecuting Attorney - Elect Files Bond And Is Sworn In By Predecessor

Prosecuting Attorney-elect Walter G. Harris was sworn in taking the oath of office Tuesday morning. The



WALTER G. HARRIS
Takes Oath of Office As Prosecuting Attorney of Knox County Today

oath was administered by his predecessor in office, Paul M. Ashbaugh. Mr. Harris previously had filed his bond of \$3,500.

This completes the formalities that will mark the transfer of authority. Next Monday Mr. Harris will be the prosecuting attorney and Mr. Ashbaugh will have retired to private life after two active and strenuous terms. The two have been counseling and advising together with the result that the incoming official will have information at his command touching the conduct of matters necessarily left uncompleted by his predecessor.

black quintet in the first two games of the season, there are many wrinkles to be ironed out yet, to which task he will set himself.

Provided nothing unforeseen bobs up to disrupt the ranks or reduce the efficiency of the squad, the team of this season should prove to be one above ordinary attainments.

All Back But Smith

The sight of the old men of last season's team, garbed in their orange and black uniforms once again, tended to bring back pleasant memories of the past. All but "Ced" Smith were on hand for the contest. Smith hiked back to his home in Boston after school had discontinued for the holidays at Denison university, where he is a student, and consequently he was an absentee. Needless to say, the absence of the ex-captain, who is, by the way, the Denison Freshman center this season, was felt.

Constituting the personnel of the champs were "Cookies" Cunningham, regular center on the Ohio State Freshman five, "Chuck" Wright and "Bill" Brining, forward and guard respectively on the Ohio university yearling team, Claren Duke, a member of the U. S. Naval Academy squad, and Enell Fletcher, forward and captain of Chicago team in the House League conducted by the local Y. M. C. A.

Line-up and summary:
State Champs (25) Mt. Vernon (21)
Duke R.F. Masteller
Wright L.F. Hookway, C.
Cunningham, C. Appleton
Brining R.G. Arnold
Fletcher L.G. Beum

Field goals—Wright 3, Cunningham 2, Duke 1, Appleton 3, Hookway 2, Masteller 2.

Foul goals—Wright 9 out of 18; Hookway 7 out of 12, Masteller 4 out of 1.

Substitutions—None.
Referee—Keith of Denison.

CAR IS DAMAGED IN A COLLISION

Motorcar Of Ed Bennett Struck By Taxicab At Vine And Gay Streets

The automobile of Ed Bennett was struck by a taxicab at the intersection of Vine and Gay streets Saturday evening.

CORN STOLEN FROM PIKE TP. FARMER

Sheriff Lytle was called to the Donald Colony farm in Pike township on Monday where it was reported that several bushels of corn had been stolen. Sheriff Lytle took into custody a young man who is said to have confessed and later paid for the corn he had taken. Mr. Colony refused to make an affidavit against the man.

SEEK INFORMATION OF ROBT. SIMMONS

Police Unable To Find Barber Whose Father Is Dead In Mansfield

Request for information of the whereabouts of Robert Simmons, white, a barber, has been received by Chief of Police Parker from the police at Mansfield. Saturday night a message asked that Simmons be found and told his father was seriously ill. Sunday a second message requested he be told his father had died.

Simmons was thought by his Mansfield relatives to be employed in a Mt. Vernon barber shop. Inquiry made for him by Chief Parker failed to find the man or any information touching him. If he is in Mt. Vernon he is requested to get in touch with Chief Parker.

LEADERS CONFER ON BORAH AMENDMENT

(By The Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Senate Republican leaders conferred today in an effort to agree to what changes they will seek in the proposal of Senator Borah, Republican, Idaho, for an international economic and disarmament conference. The proposal is embodied in an amendment to the naval appropriations bill, which is to come up tomorrow.

A large part of the Republican membership and a number of Democrats are said to be against the Borah amendment in its present form.

The views of President Harding, Secretary Hughes and other administration leaders have been sought, but senators who have talked with them will not disclose what opinions were expressed.

Senator Lodge is said to oppose the amendment as it stands.

MADAME BERNHARDT REPORTED BETTER

(By The Associated Press)
PARIS, Dec. 25.—The condition of Mme. Sarah Bernhardt showed further improvement this morning, and her physicians said they tentatively considered her out of danger. The aged actress was taken with a fainting spell during the rehearsal of a new play several days ago and suffered a relapse on Sunday.

BOOTLEG LIQUOR FATAL TO SIX

(By The Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—While police show that yesterday was the "driest" Christmas in New York's history, six deaths were attributed by police to bootleg liquor. Autopsies will be performed on the bodies of the six—five men and one woman—today.

Sole Crackers Get Gems Worth \$20,000

(By The Associated Press)
TOLEDO, Dec. 25.—Jewelry valued at \$20,000 and \$300 in cash was the loot of robbers in the store of the Fraternal Jewelry Co. Sunday.

Becker Sentenced To Die In Chair

(By The Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Alphonse Becker today was sentenced to die in the electric chair at Sing Sing during the week commencing Feb. 5 for the murder last April of his wife, Jennie, whose body several weeks ago was found in a lime-filled grave in the Bronx.

HOLIDAY TRADE MADAMERCHANTS FEEL VERY GLAD

Mt. Vernon Retailers Declare Business of Season to Have Been Excellent

DEALERS IN EVERY LINE MADE SELVES RECORDS

Buying Continued Brisk To Very Last, Thanks To The Puttloff Family

With Christmas past and gone Mt. Vernon merchants quickly are turning their attention and efforts to Clearance sales. Looking backward in review of the Christmas selling, which came to an end Saturday night there can be no disputing the claim that it was the greatest holiday trading Mt. Vernon retail merchants have enjoyed in recent years.

After two weeks or more of continuous buying the holiday Christmas gift shopping passed into history with the close of business on Saturday night. The 1922 season will go down on the record of the years as a year that was filled with good things for the retailer of Mt. Vernon.

For more than two weeks business was brisk and merchants in every line of trade enjoyed many record making days. Merchants, who last year either did not hesitate to declare that business had been dull, or at the most were not enthusiastic, this season readily declare it could not have been much better.

While the holiday gift buying started promptly and reasonably early nevertheless on Saturday afternoon and evening the stores still were filled by crowds seeking things to buy. The Puttloffs were out in force Saturday night and most of them were experiencing their usual difficulties for the majority of the stocks had been well called. The buyer who was able to get exactly what he or she wanted without first visiting a number of stores was the exception rather than the rule.

A great many persons not only decided to do their buying early, but they actually clung to and persisted in that purpose. This helped not a little in keeping the Christmas trade going in a steady volume.

Because of the Christmas clubs and other devices, to say nothing of better conditions of employment enjoyed the past year more people had money to spend for Christmas things than was true a year or two back.

It would be hard to estimate what particular line of trade profited most. From all that can be learned by casual conversation the trading was not confined to a few lines, but was general throughout the range of retail interests of Mt. Vernon. In each line merchants enjoyed a splendid holiday business and as a result there is to be found among them much satisfaction.

Not the least pleasing aspect of this entire holiday business is found in the fact that Mt. Vernon people and those living in the vicinity served by Mt. Vernon have given their support to Mt. Vernon merchants.

Still more significant is this deduction to be drawn from an excellent season. Mt. Vernon is healthy financially and the state of mind that prompted the buyers' strikes of a year or two ago has passed.

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